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The Applicants respectfully request that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each reference is enclosed.

**United States Patents**

<u>Patent Number</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Class</u>
AA. 6,163,913	DiSieno et al	Dec. 26, 2000	14/71.3
AB. 2,714,735	Watson	Aug. 9, 1955	14-71

**Dutch Published Patent Application**

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
AC. 1018210	Dec. 10, 2002

**French Published Patent Application**

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Date Published</u>
AD. 1.487.436	May 29, 1967

REMARKS

Under rule 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a) (effective March 16, 1992), since above-cited references (References AA-AB) are in the English language, the Applicants submit that no specific comments are necessary for any of these.

For the Examiner's convenience, the Applicants have also enclosed English-language abstract for the 1018210 Dutch published patent application (Reference AC).

The French reference (Reference AD) discloses a dock leveller having a deck plate with a number of lips at its free end. Each of the lips can rotate to have its lip surface in an upwards or downwards position with respect to the surface of the deck plate. The lips are used to adapt the width of the deck plate to the width of a truck to be loaded or unloaded.

The Applicants have attached a completed modified form PTO/SB/08A hereto.

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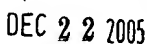
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	AC	NL 1018210 (w/English abstract)	12-10-2002			
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